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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application entitled:

APPARATUS, METHOD AND MEDIUM FOR INFORMATION PROCESSING

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that this New Application and the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date <u>April 21, 2000</u>, in an envelope bearing "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" Mailing Label Number <u>FL387308612US</u> addressed to: Box Patent Application, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Enclosed are:

- 1. X Transmittal Form (two copies required)
- 2. The papers required for filing date under CFR § 1.53(b):
 - i. 102 Pages of specification (including claims and abstract);
 - ii. 45 Sheets of drawings.
 - formal
- x informal
- 3. Declaration or oath
 - a. x Unsigned

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- 4. __ An assignment of the invention to Sony Corporation is attached (including Form PTO-1595).
 - i. __ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
- 5. x Power of Attorney (unsigned)
- An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed, including a PTO-1449 and copies of _____ references.
- 7. _ Preliminary Amendment.
- 8. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503 -- should be specifically itemized)
- 9. FOREIGN PRIORITY
 - [x] Priority of application nos. <u>P11-117266; P11-117267 and P11-117269</u> filed on <u>April 23, 1999</u> in <u>Japan</u> is claimed under 35 USC 119.

The certified copies of the priority applications:

- x are filed herewith; or
- has been filed in prior application no. Z filed on _, or
- _ will be provided.
- English Translation Document (if applicable)





__ Amendment changing number of claims or deleting multiple dependencies is enclosed.

CLAIMS AS FILED

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee (\$690)
Total Claims	24 - 20	* 4	x \$18.00	72.00
Independent Claims	4 - 3	* 1	x \$78.00	78.00
Multiple dep	endent claim(s), if	any	\$260.00	0

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1	1	Small	Entity	Status

- A small entity statement is enclosed.
- A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- is no longer claimed.

12. Other Fees

Other fees Specify

Total Fees Enclosed \$840.00

13. Payment of Fees

- x Check(s) in the amount of \$840.00 enclosed.
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- 14. All correspondence regarding this application should be forwarded to the undersigned attorney:

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15. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

<u>X</u> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Account No. 12-1420. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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